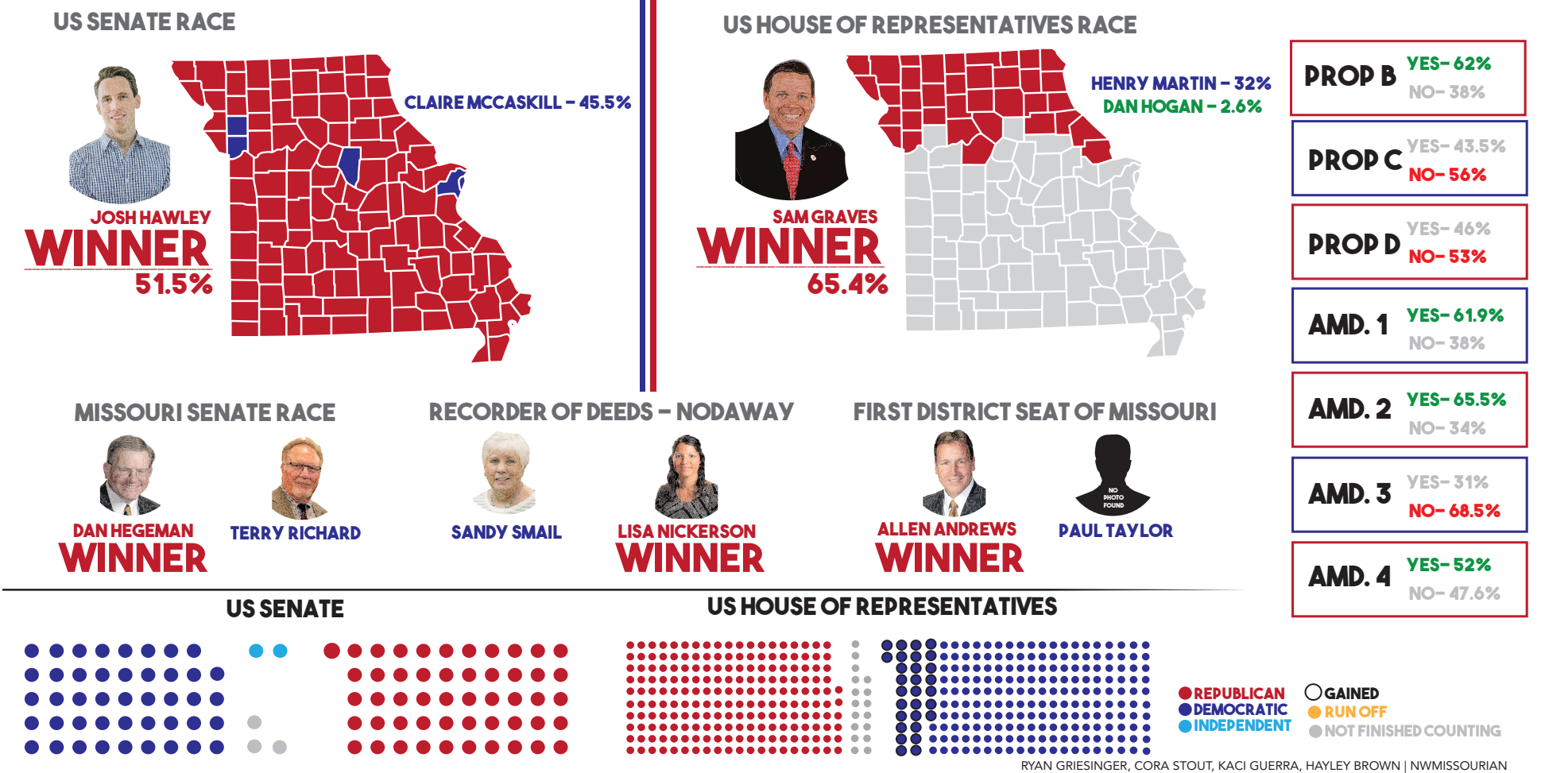


ELECTION RESULTS

2018



Missouri weeds out marijuana bills

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Missouri voters have approved the use of medical marijuana with the passage of Amendment 2. In all, there were three measures on the midterm ballot that proposed medical marijuana in Missouri. Amendment 2 was sponsored by New Approach Missouri and will carry a four percent tax on medical marijuana. The amendment is estimated to generate \$24 million. The revenue would first support the regulation of the program and any extra money will be used to help Missouri veterans. Maryville resident Andrea Rawson said she supported the legalization of marijuana as long as it was purely for medical uses and certified by a doctor. “I have heard enough stories with folks with terminal conditions that sometimes it’s just the only thing that helps them get through some of the pain they are dealing with,” Rawson said. “When you have a deadly condition like terminal cancer, honestly, I don’t see any reason they should not have some comfort.” According to New Approach Missouri, the law will go into effect Dec. 8, 2018, and the deadline for patient registration will be June 6, 2019. The deadline to apply for a grower and/or dispensary license is Jan. 2, 2020 and dispensaries should open by early 2020. Another Maryville resident, Joanne Smith, said she supported the legalization of medical marijuana



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Missouri Nov. 6 midterm election ballot included three medical marijuana issues, voters passed Amendment 2 with 65.5 percent voting in favor. na because she believed it may help fight the opioid crisis in Missouri. “So many people have issues that I think medical marijuana can help and get them off of prescription drugs,” Smith said. Junior Grace Elrod said she glad Missouri legalized medical marijuana because of the benefits it provides for people. “I know some people were upset about it becoming legalized and that they think it’s not a positive for medicine but my opinion is I feel that people should be able to do as they please if you don’t agree with the positives of medical marijuana then don’t use it,” Elrod said. “No one is making you or forcing you to do it. Let people do it if it’s beneficial for them, it’s their body, not yours.” The two other medical marijuana ballot measures, Amendment 3 and Proposition C, were rejected. Amendment 3 was proposed by attorney Brad Bradshaw and would have put a 15 percent tax on the sale of retail medical marijuana and a tax on the wholesale of the flowers and leaves. Along with this, 50 percent of the revenue would have funded a medical research center chaired by Bradshaw. Proposition C would have placed a two percent tax on medical marijuana and revenues would have been used for veteran services, drug treatment and early childhood education. Maryville resident Lana Cobb said she only voted for Amendment 2 because the other two seemed problematic to her. “I know one of the issues that I voted against was mainly sponsored by one individual and I didn’t think that’s how it should be,” Cobb said. “The last one gave more power to the state. I think the government is sometimes involved a little too much.” Missouri is the 32nd state to legalize medical marijuana.

Hawley elected to Missouri U.S. Senate seat



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Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley has been elected to Missouri’s U.S. Senate seat after Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo) conceded. According to The Associated Press, Hawley won with 51.5 percent of the votes or 1,245,732 to McCaskill who won 45.5 percent of the votes or 1,101,377. Hawley’s win leaves Missouri with two Republicans in the Senate along with Sen. Roy Blunt. During his victory speech, Hawley thanked McCaskill for her

service to Missouri. McCaskill first won the Senate seat in 2006 and held it until this election. “The people of Missouri allowed me, beginning when I was 28-years-old, to serve the public, to be a public servant,” McCaskill said during her concession speech. “For decades I have been blessed to get up every day and work in a challenging and interesting job trying to make things better in people lives. It has been such an honor.” Hawley had strong support from President Donald Trump and said his backing helped him earn his win. “Thank you, Mr. President, for your leadership,” Hawley said in

his victory speech. “Thank you for believing in Missouri. The people of Missouri have delivered.” Hawley said during his speech that he plans to support Missouri and embody the values of the state. “What the people of Missouri said tonight is they want a Senator who actually stands with the people of Missouri, who represents our values, who represents our voice and will fight for us in Washington, and I will,” Hawley said. Freshman Benjamin Hayen said he was excited with Hawley’s election and thinks he can be really beneficial to Missouri. “I was watching the election and I saw that Josh Hawley had won and

I was really excited to kind of get a new face in Congress and see what he can do,” Hayen said. “I think he can do some really great things.” In his campaign, Hawley called for a lot of changes including supporting stricter pro-life laws, the abolishment of the Affordable Care Act and stronger gun control background checks. Senior Paige Moriarty and vice president of Young Democrats said she did not think he was the best choice for Missouri.

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Dairy industry income running dry

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It's early in the morning on a Chesterfield, Missouri, dairy farm in late October, the shivering rains drenching the farmhands as they make their first of two daily milking stops.

These early morning hardships are a microcosm of the tribulations that dairy farmers have undergone in recent years.

Missouri's dairy farmers, like thousands of other dairy farmers throughout the nation, are fighting to keep their industry afloat in the face of oversupply, drought and tariffs.

In the last year alone, the dairy industry has suffered more than a billion dollars in losses.

Oversupply has been one factor in the dairy industry's struggles for more than four years according to David Drennan, executive director for the Missouri Dairy Farmers Association.

A contributory factor to oversupply is the uncertainties in production that dairy producers face when compared to other industries.

"You can't shut the plant down like Coca-Cola can. Those cows keep producing," Drennan said. "Worldwide we have an oversupply of milk compared to what the demand is."

Missouri's dairy problems were further compounded this summer by one of its worst droughts in years.

"We were affected more than any state," Drennan said.

Dairy farmers in Missouri depend heavily on healthy pasture to feed their cows, particularly in southern Missouri.

With much of the land falling victim to the drought, farmers were forced to import large numbers of

seeds, creating additional expenses.

At one point in the summer, three-quarters of Missouri's pastures were rated in either poor or very poor condition according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"If you don't have feed for your cows, then the only option is you have to get rid of them," Drennan said.

Drennan said he's seen roughly 30 to 40 dairy farmers in Missouri close down because they couldn't afford to maintain their farm any longer.

In an effort to mitigate some of the losses, the U.S. Department of Agriculture committed \$127 million in aid to the dairy farming industry, part of a \$12 billion package for U.S. farmers.

Despite the government's assistance, the funds have done little to improve financial conditions after years of financial losses.

"It's just a drop in the bucket, no pun intended," Drennan said.

Foreign tariffs imposed on U.S. dairy products this year are the latest in a seemingly never-ending series of obstacles for dairy producers.

These retaliatory tariffs from NAFTA trading partners Mexico and Canada were placed in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum.

"Typically, our exports of dairy peaked at around 17 percent of our production," Drennan said. "They dropped back, I think, now to around 12 or 13 percent."

Chairman of the National Milk Producers Federation and member of Missouri's State Milk Board Randy Mooney wrote an urgent letter Oct. 23 to the USDA informing them of their critical situation.

"U.S. dairy farmers have endured low prices for several years,"



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Ray Ashbaugh clears the monitor to a milking machine during routine evening milking Nov. 5 at the R.T. Wright Farm. Missouri farmers are struggling to keep the dairy industry profitable due to oversupply, drought and tariffs.

Mooney said. "The average price we received from 2015 to 2017 was 18 percent below the average price received from 2011 to 2014."

Mooney pointed to estimates from multiple economic modeling studies indicating falling milk prices, and a projected \$1.5 billion in lost income in 2018.

"NMPF is not alone in this assessment," Mooney said. "USDA's own monthly World Agri-

cultural Supply and Demand Estimates showed a drop in its forecast milk prices."

Officials like Mooney and Drennan are hopeful that the U.S.'s new trade agreement and potential future agreements with other countries will help the dairy industry regain its footing.

"These trade agreements are paramount; they're very important not only to dairy but all of agricul-

ture," Drennan said.

Drennan noted the potential for improvement in the U.S. dairy industry if new trade agreements can be reached.

"We know they need more dairy. We know they need more of our agricultural products," Drennan said. "We just have to redouble our efforts to get these trade agreements back on track and expand our markets, new and existing."

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Pi Kappa Alpha Vice President junior Marton Bagoly represents PIKE in front of Student Senate, sharing the fraternities values. Student Senate voted to recognize PIKE as an organization during its regular meeting Nov. 6.

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PIKE steps closer to full charter

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Student Senate recognized a Greek organization, voted on an appropriation and a charitable donation during its meeting Nov. 6.

Student Senate voted to recognize Northwest's Pi Kappa Alpha colony--currently comprised of 47 members--as an official student organization. PIKE is an international fraternity with a nationally bad reputation.

Student Senate President senior Alyssa Lincoln mentioned PIKE's reputation of suspensions for hazing and sexual assault, citing a Rolling Stone article that named it in the top 10 most out-of-control fraternities in America.

PIKE Vice President junior Marton Bagoly said Northwest's chapter will have a zero tolerance policy toward hazing and sexual assault.

The recognition passed with one vote against. Bagoly and freshman Dylan Linch said becoming a recognized organization is a step toward becoming a chartered fraternity.

"It means we're no longer just an idea or a figment of our imagination," Linch said. "We're something concrete that we can build a great foundation with."

Student Senate appropriated \$1,200 to the Nepalese Student Association for their Diwali celebration. Diwali is a festival that spans four religions and is known for singing and dancing as well as fireworks, lamps, lanterns and decorating houses with colored powder.

The NSA teamed up with the Indian Student Association to hold a celebration on campus Wednesday night. The event featured performers, singing and dancing, small fireworks including sparkler and ground bloomers and decorating competitions.

Junior Abha Niraula said this event is important to Nepali and Indian students because it's like a home away from home.

"Most international students don't get to go home that often," Niraula said. "I personally have not been home for two and a half years, so it's like a little bit of home for us; it's something to remember home."

Student Senate made a \$1,038 charitable donation to St. Jude Up 'Til Dawn. Up 'Til Dawn is an annual fundraiser for St. Jude Research Hospital, which offers free treatment and living expenses for children with cancer.

The event takes place from 12-6 a.m. and includes food, games, competitions and prizes. Northwest is the 14th biggest school donor to St. Jude nationally. This year's donation goal to St. Jude is \$40,000.

Senior Carina Harding said Up 'Til Dawn is an event held by different groups across the country to symbolize the sleepless nights for cancer patients and their families.

"We stay up all night for the kids," Harding said. "We stay up because they fight. A few hours of not getting sleep is nothing compared to what they go through, and their families never get sleep either. It's just a small sacrifice compared to what they go through every day."

Student Senate is also seeking suggestions for campus improvements to be made with the \$12,091 carryover budget from last school year.

University responds to safety concerns

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Facility Services and the University Police Department are collaborating to prevent crime on campus through environmental design with the addition of four streetlights, four walkway lights and shrubbery trimming.

A student sent an email to University Police, notifying them of some dark spots on campus. She was concerned when walking on campus at night. University Police then notified Senior Maintenance Zone Supervisor Ricky Allen of the issue.

Maintenance Manager John Sportsman said Allen came in after-hours to look at the concerned spots on campus with the custodial manager. They took down notes on areas of concern.

The main problem areas noted were Wells and Brown Halls. Allen then shared their findings with Sportsman. Sportsman decided from there what direction to take.

Additional lighting will be put up in front of Wells and Brown Halls. A couple of trees were cut back surrounding Brown Hall.

"He (Allen) came to me with a proposal, and we decided to go ahead and put up some more walkway lights, four more lights and four more street lights," Sportsman said. "That's what you can expect to see around that area over there."

University Police Chief Clarence Green said each year University Police, Residential Life and Facility Services conduct a safety walk, looking for ways to enhance the environment on campus. Over the past 15 years, over 300 lights have been put up around campus, along with additional pathways, reducing shrubbery and cutting back canopy trees.

Green said vehicle damage and

vehicle break-ins have significantly decreased. Prior to the addition of lighting, an average of 50 vehicle damages and break-in crimes happened annually, that number is down to 10 annually. Green said that decrease also correlates with the use of student security patrol.

In that time period, Green said University Police have also seen a decrease in reports of nuisance behavior.

Green said Wells and Brown Halls have been a dark spot of concern for the past couple of years.

"We had added some different solutions, it just never was satisfactory," Green said. "To make additions, you would add a bigger low-pressure sodium light, still couldn't see. You would add the metal halo light, that was the last thing we added, it was over-blinding. This is going to be a better solution with additional poles, using LED lighting, positioning the lighting at different angles. Hopefully it works, you gotta be willing to try different things, but I think this will work."

Facility Services Director Allen Mays said most of the time, Facility Services receives work orders following annual safety walks.

"I think we try to stay pretty proactive," Mays said. "When things come to us from a reaction standpoint like that, we try and act on it pretty quickly."

Two weeks ago, holes were drilled and concrete was laid for the additional lighting. Sportsman said the wires will likely be pulled and poles set this week. The project is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

"If a student has a concern, especially a safety concern, please let us know just as soon as they can," Mays said. "Obviously we try to react just as quickly as we can."

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Political season impacts student mental health



With midterm elections over, Americans can take a deep breath and relax.

The incessant political ads, constant calls from politicians and even the shiny mailings they send can have an effect on a person’s well-being.

In a study from the summer of 2017 the European Journal of Public Health saw a direct connection in the decline of a person’s mental health when they participated in local and national elections.

This article, which focused on the election in Canada, showed a number of factors that have a direct correlation from the election to a local’s personal mental health with 28 percent of people involved saying their mental health deteriorated during the election.

The midterm election season can be a stressful time not only for the candidates but also for the people involved, whether that be trying to be educated about the topics voted on or trying to overcome the difficulties of voting in the current political climate.

While I have always found the election process to be interesting, the overall effect it has is evident enough in the irritability of my loved ones leading up to the election. Once it is over, they are back to normal and are happy people once again.

It has gotten to the point where my family got up in arms over the various measures being considered and the various candidates who are going to represent us in the state legislature and national government.

The thought that this power lies with someone like my family and friends is kind of terrifying and makes me stress over the choices we have made during the midterm election.

The European Journal of Public Health study showed an improvement in mental health after the election process was completed. Over the months after the election, their mental health improved tenfold. While it is important to be involved in the political system, the effect on a person’s mental health can take a toll on the rest of their life.

Now that the midterms are over, there is about a year until this entire process starts overwhelming people again with the 2020 presidential election. With it comes the political ads and people knocking on more doors trying to convince citizens their candidate is the best for the country.

The elections have taken their toll on all of us. It is time for us to all take a break and finally get back to a place where we can go about our daily lives without having to talk about the election in every facet of life. So take some time to recharge and get ready for the next election, because it will be a crazy one.

OUR VIEW:

Shedding light on safety

When it comes to the safety of the students, problems like dark sidewalks and light obstructing trees should be top priority.

It’s commendable the University acted so quickly and listened to the voice of a concerned student, but it shouldn’t have taken a complaint to do something about the lighting.

For how long the sidewalks have been underlit, it’s surprising nobody complained before. This was a problem for many students before, and if what Facility Services says is true about receiving work orders following its annual safety walks with the University Police Department and Residential Life, then fixing the lighting problem near Wells Hall and Brown Hall should not have taken as long as it did.

While the issue is finally being addressed, it looks bad when a student has to send an email to the UPD to get the much-needed street lights installed.

While we’re lucky that Maryville has been named one of the safest college towns in America for three consecutive years, it doesn’t mean we don’t have room to grow and improve our campus. Especially with Maryville falling off the Safewise list for 2018 after ranking at No. 22 the previous year.

The issue of safety and well-being is important for all students, staff and faculty. While students may be the main target of various crimes, this does not exclude professors and faculty members. Criminals do not discriminate between adults, college students or the elderly when it comes to their agenda.

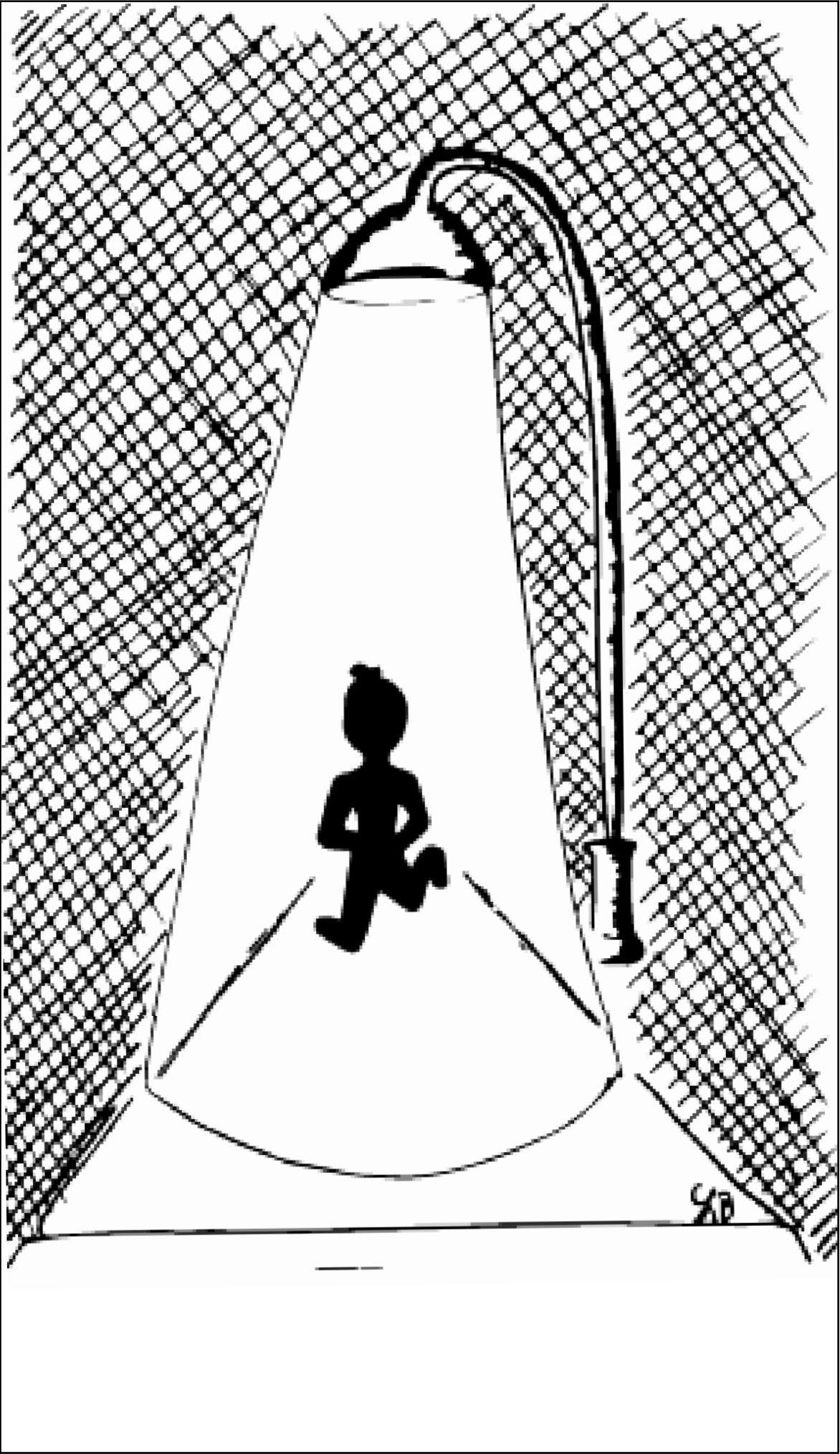
Many students find themselves walking late at night to reach their campus dorms, whether that be in Roberta, the High Rises, Tower Suites or Forest Village Apartments.

Being in college calls for some students to work late into the night and walk home at grueling hours in the morning.

Those students spending long nights studying at the library, along with anybody working a late shift for their on-campus job needed these lights long ago.

While adding street lights may not seem like a big deal, adding a sense of security for everybody really helps brighten up campus. Security and safety are key elements for any university. It’s one of the main reasons many students will continue coming to Northwest.

Students come to college to get a degree, learn and make lifelong friends, not to be worried about their safety at night.



LEAH BRUCE | NW MISSOURIAN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Bearcats offer support

Dear Editor,

In times of uncertainty, it is in our human nature to seek safety, civility and stability.

For many people in our world, uncertainty is not a phase or a passing trial. For marginalized people, the world can seldom seem like a safe or civil place.

In light of recent leaders voicing their intentions to redefine the very existence and nature of trans and non-binary individuals, Helping Everyone Regardless of Orientation and the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion wishes to extend our thoughts in consolation.

We’d like to add our voices in solidarity. For those in our community who may be feeling the weight of confusion, uncertainty and isolation in these times, know that there is support for you here at North-

west Missouri State University.

At this time, H.E.R.O. and the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion invite allies of the trans and non-binary community to support those around you that may be affected by the current climate.

To gain more context about the LGBTQIA community, and to effectively lend your support, refer to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion research guide which contains the LGBTQIA resources guide located on the B.D. Owens Library’s website under Research Guides.

H.E.R.O. is a student-led LGBTQIA organization which provides a community and support for LGBTQIA students at Northwest. It is our desire that every Bearcat finds a home and community here that not only tolerates, but wholeheartedly accepts and affirms their existence.

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MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Peyton Coleman hands Austin McNorton a hamburger fresh off the grill. Coleman and other members of Rodney Barr's agriculture advocacy class grilled and handed out free hamburgers outside the J.W. Jones Student Union Oct. 31 as part of Celebrate Agriculture Week.

Northwest advocates for agriculture

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Northwest School of Agriculture hosted its fourth annual Celebrate Agriculture Week.

Director of the School of Agriculture Rod Barr said his department holds this week to celebrate the impact agriculture has on the community.

"With the school of ag sciences, it gives us an opportunity to connect to not only our students, but alumni and community members that are engaged in the agriculture industry," Barr said.

Barr said the agriculture industry has an \$88 billion impact on Missouri every year. He said it is money like that which shows how much of an effect agriculture has in routine life.

"It impacts everybody everyday," Barr said. "People eat everyday, and the impact that agriculture plays in that you know, and that's what we're trying to do is to build that bridge between consumers and

producers. Farmers are important to everybody, and it's important to recognize that, and it's fun to celebrate agriculture the way we do at Northwest."

Throughout the week, Barr and the agriculture department held many events. The highlights including Agriculture advocacy events, a canned food drive held by Sigma Alpha and Alpha Gamma Rho at Hy-Vee and an open house with a luncheon. The agriculture department also had some of its equipment on display around Bearcat Stadium.

Barr said the community is always very responsive to this event.

"The community is great," Barr said. "When you start looking at it and you start looking at sponsorships, we got several community business to help sponsor this event. We have support from the community. The support for the food drive comes from the community, and just the support in general from the community of ag sciences."

The activities from the week were photographed and submitted to an event called College Aggies Online.

"College Aggies Online is an initiative of the alliance that connects college students from across the country who are interested in promoting agriculture," Barr said. "Participants receive training and instructions from industry experts and engage on social media by posting information about current and emerging issues facing farmers and ranchers and telling personal stories."

Junior Alyana Meadows said students can also earn scholarships from what they submit, including submissions from Celebrate Agriculture Week events. Meadows said that she enjoys working on Celebrate Agriculture Week and participating in College Aggies Online.

"I really enjoyed working during Celebrate Ag Week," Meadows said. "It gave me the opportunity to talk with alumni in the ag depart-

ment as well as students who may want to come to Northwest. I truly believe in the program given here at Northwest, and I think any person who comes to study here in agriculture will leave with a family and a positive outlook on their future position in agriculture."

Sophomore Hailee Beemer also participated in Celebrate Agriculture week. Beemer said she enjoyed being able to show and each other people about agriculture.

"I absolutely enjoy helping with Celebrate Ag week," Beemer said. "I love this industry and am so passionate about. I want others to see what we are able to do and see that we are advancing just like other industries. Nothing compares to the feeling you get when you teach people about agriculture and they see just how important it is to their everyday life."

One of the people in the agriculture industry that attended the event was Nachure Fertilizer. Northwest alumnus and Dis-

trict Sales Manager Brian Stride attended the open house and luncheon Nov. 3. Stride said he remembers a lot of positive experiences at Northwest.

"My brother and I graduated from here. Northwest has been very good to us, and we wanted to come and see all good improvements that they're doing and putting forth back into the ag industry," Strider said.

Strider was able to attend the open house for the Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation.

"I noticed improvements of the new (CIE), you know we were in the Valk building," Strider said. "All the new classrooms, all the new technology really looks good and will help education."

Strider also talked about how Northwest has very positive impact on agriculture in the community and state.

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Blotters for the Week of Nov. 8

Maryville Public Safety:

Oct. 28

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for assault at the 500 block of North Laura Street.

Oct. 30

There is an ongoing investigation for a stolen vehicle at the 1400 block of North Main Street.

A ring was recovered at the 300 block of North Main Street.

Nov. 1

A summons was issued to **Tierra Kerr**, 20, for wanted of warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Nov. 2

A summons was issued to **Jeremiah Morriss**, 35, for driving while suspended and equipment violations at the 200 block of North Buchanan Street.

Nov. 3

A summons was issued to **Kaylie Scoggins**, 18, from Griggsville, Illinois, for minor in possession at the 700 block of Franklin Place.

Nov. 5

A summons was issued to **Guillermo Gutierrez**, 19, from Burlington Junction, Missouri, for

wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for passing counterfeit money at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 6

A wallet was recovered at the 600 block of North Main Street.

University Police Department:

Oct. 30

A summons was issued to **Jared Morgan**, 18, for fourth-degree assault at Dietrich Hall.

Oct. 31

A summons was issued to **Melandy Myer**, 22, for trespassing at the Foster Fitness Center.

There is an open investigation for stealing at South Complex.

There is an open investigation for harassment at Forest Village Apartments.

Nov. 1

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Tower Suites East.

Nov. 2

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at

South Complex.

Nov. 5

A summons was issued to **Spencer Laufenberg**, 18, for stealing at Dietrich Hall.

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HOROSCOPE

By MetroCreative

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, communication from a business partner or friend is highly positive and gets the gears in your head turning. As enthusiasm builds, try to bring in some key players.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
This may be a good week to ask for a raise or think of other ways to increase your income, Taurus. Others will be receptive to your requests and grant what you ask.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You may draw admiring glances from those around you, Gemini. You are exuding confidence, and it translates in various ways, including in regard to personal relationships.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it may be best if you plan some quiet evenings at home with family this week to catch up with your family. This will be invaluable time spent with one another.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
You have never been one to indulge in gossip, Leo. Take the high road and stay silent so you can continue to pride yourself on staying above the fray.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, if your mind has been going a thousand miles an hour, find a way to slow down so you can straighten things out. Direct your focus into something productive.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
There’s too much going on for you to slow down just yet, Libra. Find that second wind and keep the pedal to the metal. This will be well worth it when the results unfold.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Strange dreams and intuition are not out of the ordinary for you, Scorpio. Hone in on what these messages may be trying to tell you. Good news could be around the corner.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, this week you are feeling friendly toward everyone and striking up new friendships rather easily. Expect the party invitations to begin rolling in soon.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Take nothing at face value over the next few days, Capricorn. Before you invest time or money, do your fair share of detective work to see if things measure up.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, some new information that will set your mind into orbit comes your way. This is news that you had not expected, so enjoy the surprise.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, newfound inspiration for creative projects, such as redecorating or improving your home, is headed your way in the coming days.

NWM PET OF THE WEEK

WANT TO HAVE YOUR PET AS THE PET OF THE WEEK? EMAIL S527739@NWMISSOURI.EDU WITH YOUR BEST PET PICTURES.



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Dislikes: Listening, Construction Workers, His Kennel.

Favorite Food: Pepper Jack Cheese

Fun Fact: He often times has to wake up from his current nap so he doesn’t miss his next nap

KODA

The Skeletwins



LEAH BRUCE | NW MISSOURIAN

CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Type of toast
 - 6. Peter Griffin’s daughter
 - 9. A group
 - 13. Ancient Greek unit of weight
 - 14. Small amounts
 - 15. Ready and ___
 - 16. Right
 - 17. Asian antelope
 - 18. Cambodian monetary unit
 - 19. Type of leather
 - 21. Secret clique
 - 22. Cabbage and cole are two
 - 23. Burmese ethnic group
 - 24. Empire State
 - 25. Be in debt
 - 28. Italian monk’s title
 - 29. Asian plants
 - 31. Everyone has one
 - 33. One who can’t sleep
 - 36. “Glengarry, Glen Ross” playwright
 - 38. Shock therapy
 - 39. Cavalry sword
 - 41. A must-have
 - 44. Type of fabric
 - 45. French composer
 - 46. A type of pen
 - 48. Snout
 - 49. One of the six noble gases
 - 51. Married woman
 - 52. Register formally (Brit.)
 - 54. Greek sorceress
 - 56. Depository library
 - 60. A tightknit group
 - 61. Ancient units of measurement
 - 62. He was Batman
 - 63. Dry or withered
 - 64. Margosa tree
 - 65. Tables (Span.)
 - 66. Large jug
 - 67. Make a mistake
 - 68. Puerto Rican genre of music “La ___”

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Insect drawn to flame
 - 2. A Spanish river
 - 3. Reduce (Brit. sp.)
 - 4. Wish well
 - 5. Robots are an example

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- 6. Young women
- 7. The tip
- 8. Young women’s association
- 9. One who is suspicious
- 10. A child’s apron
- 11. Not dirty
- 12. Fightin’ Irish football coach
- 14. People from Taiwan
- 17. Harry Belafonte’s daughter
- 20. Santa’s helper
- 21. Cereal plants
- 23. Respectful address
- 25. Unit of electrical resistance
- 26. Used to managing without
- 27. Type of chair
- 29. London footballers
- 30. Vaccine developer
- 32. 10 meters
- 34. Type of story: ___ fi
- 35. Covering on birds’ beaks
- 37. Small freshwater fish
- 40. Confederate soldier
- 42. Female sibling
- 43. Belgian city
- 47. An electrically charged atom
- 49. A way to entertain
- 50. Regenerate
- 52. Highly flammable liquid
- 53. Mark
- 55. Not good
- 56. Eloquent Roman orator
- 57. Absence of difficulty
- 58. Kazakhstan district
- 59. Plateau
- 61. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Military policeman

KENKEN

By Krazydad.com

Fill in the blank squares so that each row and each column contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. The heavy lines indicate areas (called cages) that contain groups of numbers that can be combined (in any order) to produce the result shown in the cage, with the indicated math operation. For example, 12x means you can multiply the values together to produce 12. Numbers in cages may repeat, as long as they are not in the same row or column.

Good Luck!

Last Weeks Solution


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LAST WEEK SOLUTIONS

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ALL THE WAYS TO CELEBRATE

<div>NOVEMBER 1</div> <div>ALL SAINTS' DAY</div> <div>A CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL CELEBRATED IN HONOR OF ALL THE SAINTS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN.</div>	<div>OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2</div> <div>DIA DE LOS MUERTOS</div> <div>A MEXICAN HOLIDAY CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT MEXICO FOCUSING ON GATHERINGS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO PRAY FOR AND REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED, AND HELP SUPPORT THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 2</div> <div>ALL SOULS' DAY</div> <div>IN CHRISTIANITY, ALL SOULS' DAY OR THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED, THAT IS, OF THE SOULS OF ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE DIED, FOLLOWS ALL SAINT'S DAY. OBSERVING CHRISTIANS TYPICALLY REMEMBER DECEASED RELATIVES ON THE DAY.</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 5</div> <div>GUY FAWKES NIGHT</div> <div>GUY FAWKES, A MEMBER OF THE GUNPOWDER PLOT, WAS ARRESTED WHILE GUARDING EXPLOSIVES PLACED BENEATH THE HOUSE OF LORDS. CELEBRATING KING JAMES THE FIRST SURVIVING THE ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE, BONFIRES WERE LIT AROUND LONDON.</div>
<div>NOVEMBER 7</div> <div>DIWALI DAY</div> <div>A HINDU FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, WHICH IS CELEBRATED EVERY AUTUMN IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE (SPRING IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE).ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR FESTIVALS OF HINDUISM, DIWALI SYMBOLIZES THE SPIRITUAL "VICTORY OF LIGHT OVER DARKNESS, GOOD OVER EVIL AND KNOWLEDGE OVER IGNORANCE."</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 16</div> <div>INTERNATIONAL TOLERANCE DAY</div> <div>AN ANNUAL OBSERVANCE DECLARED BY UNESCO IN 1995 TO GENERATE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF INTOLERANCE.</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 22</div> <div>THANKSGIVING</div> <div>A DAY OF GIVING THANKS FOR THE BLESSING OF THE HARVEST AND OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 23</div> <div>BLACK FRIDAY</div> <div>AN INFORMAL NAME FOR THE DAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER, WHICH HAS BEEN REGARDED AS THE BEGINNING OF THE COUNTRY'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON SINCE 1952. THE TERM "BLACK FRIDAY" DID NOT BECOME WIDELY RECOGNIZED OR USED UNTIL THE EARLY 2000S.</div>
<div>NOVEMBER 24</div> <div>SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY</div> <div>FIRST OBSERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NOV. 27, 2010, IT IS A COUNTERPART TO BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY, WHICH FEATURE BIG BOX RETAIL AND E-COMMERCE STORES RESPECTIVELY.</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 26</div> <div>CYBER MONDAY</div> <div>THE TERM "CYBER MONDAY" WAS CREATED BY MARKETING COMPANIES TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO SHOP ONLINE.</div>		

KACI GUERRA | NWMISSOURIAN

International students celebrate home

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For most Bearcats, Thanksgiving break is a time to travel back to their hometowns, enjoy a home-cooked meal, watch a parade and football.

For international students, however, heading home isn't as convenient and Thanksgiving isn't typically a holiday celebrated.

Holidays are a special time to spend with friends and family, but for many international students, going home to celebrate isn't an option. On campus, students can expect to see some of these traditions on display. Alianza, the Latino and allies group, held an event for Day of the Dead Oct. 31. The Indian Student Association and the Nepali Student Association also sold traditional food as a fundraiser for the Diwali festival, Nov. 7. This is the first time the two organizations have partnered for the festival.

For junior Abha Niraula, an international student from Nepal, Diwali means tradition, community and spending time with family.

"This is my favorite holiday of all our holidays," Niraula said. "I grew up with a lot of cousins and this was a time to get together, the whole family got together. I got a lot of money from them. I'd give them gifts, and they'd give me money. It was just a time for all the kids together."

Diwali is a holiday often called the Festival of Lights, which is fitting since the name is Sanskrit, meaning "row of lamps."

"This festival signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance," Niraula said. "People light little tea lights, candles, string lights, anything to light up their homes. It's believed the light will guide the goddess of wealth and prosperity, Lakshmi, to your home and she will bring you wealth, light and happiness to your life. Our culture specifically, in Nepal, we have this ceremony for siblings. Older siblings give blessings and wish wealth, health and happiness and gifts to our little brothers and sisters."

The holiday of Diwali is celebrated by four different religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Sheikh and Jainism, an ancient religion in India

which believes in reincarnation rather than a deity.

Each religion celebrates the festival for different reasons. For Hindus, it's a time to celebrate the return of Rama and Sita to Ayodhya after their 14-year exile. Buddhists use it as a time to remember Emperor Ashoka who converted to Buddhism and allowed it to spread throughout India. Sheikhs commemorate the homecoming of their Guru Har Gobind Ji from the prison of Emperor Jahangir. Jainism honors Lord Mahavira, a monk who achieved Nirvana and broke the reincarnation cycle.

The festival lasts five days. During the days leading up to this

“

It's like having a little piece of home.”

-Abha Niraula

festival, celebrants are encouraged to clean, renovate and decorate their homes. During Diwali, people exchange sweets, presents and buy new clothes.

For Niraula, the opportunity to celebrate her culture helps her feel a little closer to home.

"I think it's great we get to do this," Niraula said. "Especially here where we don't have a really big community, it's nice to have this.

It's like having a little piece of home."

The festival hosted by the NSA and ISA took place Nov. 7 with sparklers, colored powder and, of course, lots of lights.

While international students prepared and celebrated their holidays, they still made plans for Thanksgiving and enjoy the time off class.

For junior dietetics major Nayeon Lee, an international student from South Korea, Thanksgiving break provides an opportunity to travel and relax.

"My first year, I went to visit my aunt in California," Lee said. "Last year, I was invited to my American friend's Thanksgiving, and I just got

to see this American holiday. This year, I haven't planned anything yet. Most international students, they either go to their relatives who live in the U.S. or they stay here in Maryville and spend time together. It's nothing really special, and you don't want to waste a holiday like that, so we get together and watch movies and stuff."

Thanksgiving in the U.S. also brings back memories of Lee's version of Thanksgiving back home.

"We actually have our own version of Thanksgiving in Korea," Lee said. "It's slightly different dates because we use the lunar calendar."

Many countries, such as Argentina and China, have their own version of Thanksgiving or harvest festival.

In South Korea, the country celebrates Chuseok, the Korean harvest festival. It is one of the most important and anticipated holidays similar to Thanksgiving. The holiday revolves around family and food. Traditionally, families travel back to their hometowns to celebrate for three days in September. While the holiday does share some similarities with America's food-centric day, there are some big differences.

"It's not like typical foods you'd see in America," Lee said. "We don't really eat turkey in Korea and just seeing turkey on the dinner table was weird. I was just like 'That is so much food.' I just felt stuffed the whole day."

One of the main dishes for Chuseok is songpyeon. According to vistkorea.or.kr, songpyeon is prepared with rice powder that is kneaded into a size that is a little smaller than a golf ball, and then filled with sesame seeds, beans, red beans, chestnuts or other nutritious ingredients. When steaming the songpyeon, the rice cakes are layered with pine needles to add the delightful fragrance of pine. It is an old tradition for families to make songpyeon together on the eve of Chuseok.

"I think it's so amazing we get to have this little piece of home," Niraula said. "It's nice to have it."



Arpana Pokhrel serves a veggie dumpling to another student Oct. 31 in the J.W. Student Union as the Indian Student Association sold cultural foods to raise money for their Diwali Day Celebration Nov. 7.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Performers join in tears at the conclusion of dance “To My Dearest Friend,” Nov. 2 at the Northwest Dance Company Show. Lacey Casel choreographed this dance in memory of Northwest student Morgan McCoy, who died in an accident in January.

Dancing on pointe

Northwest Dance Company brings emotion to showcase

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The Northwest Dance Company took its record-breaking crowd on an emotional journey through a wide-range of dance performances at its annual fall show Nov. 2.

More than 600 friends, fans and family members packed into the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts, which was more than the show has ever had. The fall show usually draws between 350 and 400 people.

Unlike the familiar, entirely upbeat performance the fall show usually provides, this year, NWDC demonstrated its multifaceted capabilities through a combination of both fun, light-hearted numbers and performances with serious undertones.

NWDC Vice President Ashley Brennan said the show’s spectrum of emotional diversity provided a true reflection of life.

“I think it’s important to realize that people go through different things and there are different emotions in life too, which I think the

show tonight really emphasized,” Brennan said. “There were happier pieces, there were sadder pieces. I think it was really nice because it almost created the story of life and how life goes with the ups and downs.”

One particularly moving performance featured audio of Igor Oro’s spoken poem, “To My Dearest Friend,” which is formatted like a letter to a friend who has died. It acted as a tribute to Morgan McCoy, a Northwest student who died after being struck by a drunk driver last year.

NWDC President Faith Casel and Brennan said this piece helped all those involved through the grieving process.

“Normally we don’t do a lot of heavy pieces, so it was definitely different, but I think it helped the audience connect. I know for sure with the dance my sister Lacie did for Morgan, it really helped a lot of the Sigma Kappas who lost her, cope,” Casel said.

Brennan interjected.

“It takes a weight off that was there before, that I think is lighter now, especially afterwards,” Brennan said.

Another heartwarming performance included a live song written and sung by Jaymie Argotsinger, a first for NWDC. This first-ever live performance addressed the ups and downs of life.

“We (Brennan and Argotsinger) had recently talked, and I have always wanted to do something different and more creative because we always just do songs that are played,” Brennan said. “Jaimie is amazing and beautiful and was nice enough to write this song that was super personal and open up to me about it, and it turned into a beautiful piece of art that I am so proud of.”

The show also included a performance to Logic’s “1-800-273-8255,” which is a song titled with the phone number for the Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This song was paired with the tap number to creatively portray a deeper message regarding suicide.

“My dance number was 1-800-273-8255, which was the tap number and I’ve never been more proud of them,” Casel said. “It was something that was really close to my heart and have a lot of experience with, so to see people help me convey what message I was trying to get across was just incredible, especially because it was in a way that isn’t really conventional.”

Throughout the show’s 17 acts and six short acts, the dancers performed in a way highly reflective of the many hours of preparation and rehearsals.

“Everybody has worked so hard these past seven weeks, and so it’s nice to see it all come together and pay off, because clearly I think people were happy,” Casel said.

Brennan added to the statement.

“All the blood, sweat and tears that have gone in, especially this week, was so worth it,” Brennan said.

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MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN
George, played by Joey Wheeler, gets dressed after waking up in bed beside the woman of his love affair, Doris, during a dress rehearsal Nov. 5. “Same Time, Next Year,” follows this love affair and will be shown in Ron Houston Nov. 8-11.

Same Time, Next Year

debuts at Northwest

ANGEL TRINH
A&E Reporter | @acuteanglewrite

Theatre Northwest will present the award-winning play “Same Time, Next Year” Nov. 8-11 in the Studio Theatre at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

The play follows the 25-year love affair between George and Doris who meet once a year in the same hotel during the 1950s and 1970s.

“I first read this script about 20 years ago, and it’s one that I’ve always wanted to do,” Director Wendy King said. “I finally had the opportunity to propose it here.”

King added her variations to the play. One change she made was to have six students play the couple rather than only two.

“I wanted to have multiple actors to show that anyone could find themselves in this situation and that everyone could relate to someone they see on stage,” King said.

The three students playing George are senior Joey Wheeler and sophomores Remy Lupo and Cory Busch. The three students playing Doris are juniors Hannah Jahal, Emmalee Shields and Cait Redman.

King also set the stage in the middle of the room so the audience

can sit on all four sides of the play, making people feel like a “fly on the wall.” She wants the audience to reflect on what life is like in a historical time period.

Another adjustment King made was to make the innkeeper Mrs. Chalmers a full-fledged character. In the original script, Chalmers is heard but not seen. King created a physical role to give another student an opportunity to perform and to show the consistency of the inn. Chalmers is played by freshman Madi Combe.

Covering the span of 25 years in six scenes challenges the actors. Shield’s two scenes as Doris are set nine years apart.

“Bringing out that contrast between her younger bubbly self and her older, more stern self has been kind of difficult for me,” Shields said. “It’s a really interesting process to learn how to do that accurately. I think the payoff is going to be really good when audiences will be able to see it.”

Having time jumps also create a deeper understanding of the characters, according to Busch.

“I like how the show goes through different periods of time as the characters’ change,” Busch

said. “It’s neat being able to follow them through their lives.”

Another element Shields is specifically excited for is the design for each scene.

“I like that it’s set in the ‘50s and ‘70s because the set and the costumes are going to look really good,” Shields said. “They’re so cute and I’m so excited.”

Actors started rehearsing Oct. 9. King is proud to see how much the students have accomplished in about a month.

“I really love working with students to watch them grow as a performer and see what new things they can bring to a role,” King said.

The entire cast is excited to present the show. They had fun putting it together and hope the audience enjoys it.

“I would like the audience to feel a range of emotions,” King said. “Overall happy and joyful, but there are a few moments in the show that are sad so hopefully they feel compassion and empathy toward the characters. I hope there’s a lot of laughter and smiling throughout the show.”

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8-10 and 2 p.m. Nov. 10-11 for \$10.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants consideration while driving at night

With the recent change in daylight hours, there have been more drivers who think they need their high beams, or in layman’s terms, brights, of their car on 24/7.

Yes, it’s that bad.

This has greatly affected me and my driving, especially since I’m already half blind. I did not ask for help in losing the other

half of my eyesight. I have computers, TV and phones for that.

I guess it’s time for a crash course in Driving 101.

This calls for the little booklet everybody receives for free when they first begin studying for their permit test.

According to the Missouri Driver Guide, Chapter 9, page 61, under “Night Driving,” fourth

bullet point from the top, it says, “Use your high beams when there are no oncoming vehicles.”

Yes, it’s right there in black and white for all to see. They did not put the law into effect for people to simply ignore.

On page 57, it states people should use brights to avoid deer on the side of the road. The last time I checked, I was not a deer.

So be considerate to the human on the opposite side of the road and turn your brights off.

If being a decent human isn’t enough of a reason to stop using brights when there’s a car around, people can also get fined for improper use of brights due to creating an unsafe environment.

It’s easier to be considerate and turn off the brights for that

split second than to be fined or labeled as a jerk.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Youth shine at conference meet

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Northwest cross country showed growth in the MIAA Championship meet Nov. 3 despite bottom-half finishes for both the men’s and women’s teams.



For the second straight meet, the Bearcats traveled to Emporia, Kansas, but this time with more at stake in the conference meet. While each side had a standout performance, the entire team totaled 11 personal records out of 17 total runners.

The men’s team finished in 10th place overall with 215 points and an average time of 27:21 in the 8,000-meter race. Junior Karim Achengli led the way with his second place finish out of 95 runners clocking a time of 25:22.8.

Achengli was the lone upper-classman for the men and four of the eight male runners were freshmen. One of these freshmen was Jacob Norris who finished as the No. 3 runner for Northwest at 63rd overall. Coach Nick Gibson said Norris handled the meet well for the small amount of experience he has had in college.

“Jake was our third guy this weekend, and he has only been running for a few months,” Gibson said. “As a true freshman, it is big for him to step into that role off of not a big training block like a lot of the other guys got.”

The youth and inexperience for the Bearcats may have been a factor in the tentative running style many of the men ran with. Gibson emphasized that the style they ran with was a big factor in the low finish for the team.

“We got into the race, we got out well and we set ourselves up in a good position, but we just weren’t aggressive after that point,” Gibson said. “We were pretty complacent with where we were and that led to us not moving up quite as much throughout the race that I had hoped.”

While 10th place finish is low-

NEXT GAME
NCAA Division II Central Regional Invitational
Nov. 17 Joplin

er than the Bearcats thought going into the meet, they were 11 points away from moving up two positions. The closeness of the teams’ scores transferred over to the women’s side of the competition, as the fourth through the seventh place was separated by 25 points.

The women captured seventh place with 167 points and an average 6,000-meter race time of 23:42. Leading the top five runners for Northwest was senior Maria Mostek who set a personal record by more than a full minute.

Mostek was not the only runner to set a big personal best, as four of the female runners broke theirs by more than two minutes. The string of personal records showed a positive sign for Mostek and the rest of the female runners preparing for the regional meet.

“Everyone ran really well. Our fifth runner usually stays up by me, so if she just had a good day, we could have done better,” Mostek said. “Still, everyone ran as hard as they could and I’m happy with the way it panned out, but we need everybody to be on their A-game at regionals.”

With a time of 22:59.8, Mostek finished 15th out of 111 runners and led the women’s team. Three out of the top five finishers were seniors for the Bearcats, with the other two runners being freshmen. The balance of upper and underclassmen has helped the women run closely together all season long.

That trend continued in the MIAA meet as the Bearcat posted the fourth closest spread at the meet between the top five runners with 1:08.

With conference over, Northwest turns its attention to the NCAA Division II Central Regional meet Nov. 17.



RACHEL ADAMSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Mikayla Engeman was the No. 4 runner for Northwest finishing 38th out of 111 runners at the MIAA Championships Nov. 3 in Emporia, Kansas with a time of 23:53.

BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

“It’s like Christmas,” Hudgins said of his teammates’ hot start. “Hawk (Ryan Hawkins) was 4-for-4, Welty’s a great shooter, Joey, Kirk Finley was amazing this weekend. (I) just love the group of guys I have. I couldn’t do anything without them, to be hon-

est. I played for them this weekend. I just want to win.”

The weekend was an encouraging start for the Bearcats. Hudgins shined.

Withus demonstrated poise. Hawkins showed flashes of a clutch gene. True freshman guard Diego Bernard exhibited promise.

Northwest’s play, as a whole, was strong. But McCollum made it clear that the team’s current form is nowhere near a finished

product.

“We’re a work in progress,” McCollum said. “We got up 25 (points against Ferris State), and mature teams would’ve gotten up 40. We’re not quite there yet, and we need to make sure we improve on that.”

Next, the team will return to St. Joseph to compete in the Hillyard Tipoff Classic Nov. 9-10. Northwest will take on Upper Iowa Nov. 9 and Winona State Nov. 10. Historically, the Bearcats

have fared well in the month of November: they haven’t lost a game in the month since Nov. 19, 2015, against Agusta.

“I want to get better,” McCollum said. “That’s going to be the most difficult part; mature teams understand the process. Teams that are youthful feel pretty good about themselves, like, ‘Oh man, we might be decent,’ and it’s like, well, no, that’s a result. Results do not make you decent.”

The Bearcats will once again

head to the Civic Arena with an intent to get better, focusing on improvement, rather than outcome.

“If you attack the process every day, that makes you decent, that makes you a good team, regardless of the outcome,” McCollum said. “We need to be mature enough to understand that ... before we look forward to the weekend.”

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

Second in points per game (36.1) and first in total offense per game (494.1), Central Missouri will test the Bearcat defense, in particular, the secondary.

Averaging 306.1 passing yards per game, the Mules rank 10th in Division II and first in the MIAA. Northwest has been middle of the pack in the conference in terms of passing yardage allowed averaging 207.1 per game.

One factor that has helped the defense with the higher powered offenses in the MIAA is the special teams unit. Senior punter Matt Thorman has helped pin opposing offenses deep in their own territory, giving the defense more room to work with when the offense is struggling.

“I know that as long as I do my job then our defense is going to take care of business,” Thorman said. “I go over to Braden (Wright) or the offense and I tell them ‘You are good; you’re going to get the next one,’ and I know they are going to take care of business on the next drive.”

The task of handling the Central Missouri offense is a strain on any defense, and the Northwest defense will be without one of its key cogs up front in sophomore defensive tackle Sam Roberts. Roberts will miss the first half of the game after being ejected for targeting during the third quarter of the Fort Hays game.

In order for Northwest to clinch a share of the MIAA title and a spot in the NCAA Division II playoff, they will have to focus on taking care of the Mules high powered offense while finding more offense of its own.



ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior wide receiver Shawn Bane Jr. totaled 198 all-purpose yards including a 56-yard punt return touchdown in Northwest’s 17-16 loss to Fort Hays Nov. 3.

SPORTS BRIEF

Northwest associate AD announces intent to resign

Associate Athletics Director of Internal Operations Mark Clements announced his resignation from Northwest in an email to his staff Nov. 7.

In the email, Clements said his last day will be Nov. 12. The Associate AD has served in his position since January 2003, when Clements relocated from Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, where he served as the director of athletics.

Clements detailed to The Missourian the factors that went into this decision to resign after nearly 16 years at Northwest.

“I’m going to keep this as professional as possible,” Clements said. “Sometimes, folks need a change. I guess I kind of got to the point where I felt like I needed a new look for my life and my career, and that’s basically the gist of my decision.”

Clements said that there was no particular event or disagreement that led to his resignation.

“There’s a lot of things that go into it,” Clements said. “It’s not a decision that I made rashly or overnight. Over time, I just felt like I needed a change.”

What’s next for Clements is still unknown. After a decade and-a half at Northwest, the Associate AD is looking forward to whatever lies ahead.

“I’m going to take some time to remake myself and try to reevaluate some things and see what the good Lord brings me,” Clements said.

Northwest Athletics confirmed Clements’ resignation but had no other comment.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Maddy Bruder takes a moment to pick herself up following an unsuccessful attempt at a dig late in the fourth set of Northwest’s loss to UCM in the first round of the MIAA tournament Nov. 6. Northwest has not earned a win in the conference tournament since 1992.

MIAA drought continues

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After a crushing loss, Northwest volleyball’s season came to an end at the hands of conference rival Central Missouri in the first round of the MIAA tournament.



The first-round loss is not an unfamiliar feeling for Northwest. The Bearcats have not won a game in the MIAA tournament since 1992.

Coming into the contest, the Bearcats were given the No. 4 seed in the tournament, just ahead of the Jennies at No. 5. This didn’t seem to faze Central Missouri as they came out of the locker room with something to prove, taking the first set by an overwhelming margin, 25-15.

The momentum of the first set carried over for Central Missouri (25-6) as the Jennies jumped out

to an early 11-5 set two lead over the Bearcats. Coach Amy Woerth was forced to call a timeout to try and stop a point surge from the visiting opponents, but it seemed as if coach Flip Piontek used the timeout to his advantage and installed more defense to counter the explosive Bearcat offense.

As Northwest tried to make a run and even out the set, Central Missouri kept pace and ended up winning the second set 25-17. The Bearcats found their backs against the wall as they entered a do-or-die set three with the Jennies.

Northwest finally found a break in the opposing defense and rallied off 10 points in the beginning of set three to find themselves leading 10-5. Central Missouri made a late set push to bring the set to a 24-24 tie before Northwest scored two straight points to take the set, winning 26-24 and forcing a fourth set.

“Incorporating Morgan Lewis in the third set provided some spark

and got us going,” Woerth said. “I thought she did a good job coming off the bench and competing.”

The Bearcat luck dissipated in set four as they seemed to run out of steam in holding off the Jennies offense. Throughout the first part of the set, each team took their turn scoring points until the first timeout was taken by Northwest with the score at a deadlock, 11-11.

Coming out of the timeout, Central Missouri rattled off a 7-1 run, taking the score to an 18-12 lead and gradually closing the door to a Bearcat comeback. The Jennies eventually sealed the deal capping a 3-1 match win, coming out victorious in set four 25-17.

“When anyone comes out punching like that, you have to step back a couple of notches,” Woerth said with tears in her eyes. “It just took us too long to regain our thinking with how aggressive they were. Hats off to them and their win.”

In a season where multiple

historic marks were set by the Bearcats, including the first 20-win season since 1999 and notching 14 MIAA wins, the end came sooner than expected, bringing with it a feeling of missed opportunity.

Throughout the season, Northwest has embraced the underdog role time and time again, and they continued to overcome the title and complete their goals.

Senior Olivia Nowakowski put it into words what it has been like to be a part of the Bearcat volleyball program and what she will take with her when she graduates.

“When you get to be a part of something so big, it changes your mindset and makes you want to play for the person next to you,” Nowakowski said. “We work together, not because we have to, but because we want to. It’s amazing to see how much love we have for each other. I wouldn’t have wanted to spend my four years in any other program but Bearcat volleyball.”



FILE | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore guard Jaelyn Haggard returns to Northwest women’s basketball following a co-MIAA freshman of the year performance last season. She is optimistic of the program’s first year under coach Austin Meyer.

Beartcats set out to shift identity

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Northwest women’s basketball prepares to begin the season under new leadership, hoping for a change in the culture.



As newly hired coach Austin Meyer enters the realm of leading the Bearcat basketball team, it’s a new environment for his coaching career.

Austin Meyer, although being familiar with Northwest basketball due to being a part of the men’s national championship team during the 2016-17 season, looks to bring the success to the opposite side of the spectrum.

“Personally, my biggest goal for myself this season is to develop a relationship with my players individually,” Austin Meyer said.

NEXT GAME

Northwest @ Wayne State

7:30 p.m. Nov. 9

Wayne, Neb.

“If they know that we are here for them as a coaching staff, we will ultimately get more out of them on the court.”

For sophomore guard Jaelyn Haggard, the coaching change is an optimistic addition.

“Coach Meyer has brought an energy level that is consistently positive,” Haggard said.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall AFCA

Fort Hays State.....	8-2	No.22
NORTHWEST.....	8-2	No.19
Central Oklahoma.....	7-3	NR
Pittsburg State.....	7-3	NR
Emporia State.....	6-4	NR
Missouri Western.....	6-4	NR
Central Missouri.....	5-5	NR
Washburn.....	5-5	NR
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-6	NR
Lindenwood.....	3-7	NR
Missouri Southern.....	1-9	NR
Northeastern State.....	0-10	NR

NW VOLLEYBALL

Final Regular Season Standings

Overall MIAA

Nebraska Kearney.....	31-2	16-2
Washburn.....	28-3	15-3
Central Oklahoma.....	27-6	14-4
NORTHWEST.....	22-8	14-4
Central Missouri.....	25-6	14-4
Lindenwood.....	16-14	8-10
Emporia State.....	14-18	8-10
Missouri Western.....	15-17	7-11
Pittsburg State.....	18-13	7-11
Missouri Southern.....	3-25	3-15
Fort Hays State.....	8-22	2-16
Southwest Baptist.....	4-27	0-18

NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

NORTHWEST.....	2-0	0-0
Lindenwood.....	2-1	0-0
Missouri Western.....	1-1	0-0
Cental Missouri.....	0-0	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	0-0	0-0
Emporia State.....	0-0	0-0
Fort Hays State.....	0-0	0-0
Lincoln.....	0-0	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	0-0	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-0	0-0
Northeastern State.....	0-0	0-0
Pittsburg State.....	0-0	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	0-0	0-0
Washburn.....	0-0	0-0

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll

Central Missouri.....	
Fort Hays State.....	
Emporia State.....	
Missouri Southern.....	
Central Oklahoma.....	
Missouri Western.....	
Pittsburg State.....	
Lindenwood.....	
Nebraska Kearney.....	
Missouri Southern.....	
Southwest Baptist.....	
Northeastern State.....	
NORTHWEST.....	
Lincoln.....	

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Transition from fall to winter tests grit of talent

‘Hounds set out for district title

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As the fall sports postseason is upon us with winter sports approaching, there are a select few who can make the transition from sport to sport seamlessly.

Maryville High School is consistently in a position where they have athletes moving from one sport to another in a short period of time due to the school’s success in the postseason. The athletes that make this transition are one of a kind. It is not expected for a player to pick up another sport immediately after another sport has ended.

Luckily enough, the Spoofhounds have a number of unique athletes that can make the transition quickly.

Winter sport practices began Oct. 29 for Maryville. At that point, boys soccer was competing in the MSHSAA Class 2 state tournament. Following a loss, members of the team transitioned into their respective winter sports.

There are also key pieces to the Spoofhounds football team that will be moving onto basketball here in the near future.

With the football team aspiring to make another run in the playoffs, it is almost certain that these players will have a short transition period between sports.

“The guys that are able to make the transition are truly remarkable,” boys basketball coach Matt Stoecklein said.

Stoecklein had much to say about the overlap between sports but was not fazed by the potential of it, as it has become a common occurrence as of late for Maryville athletics. The move does raise some concern though, as every player is likely to have some wear and tear from an entire season of another sport, especially if it is a physical sport like football.

Junior Tate Oglesby is one of the many who will be making the transition in the upcoming weeks. He said the biggest difference is the shift in environment from sport to sport.

“Making the change really is not that bad,” Oglesby said. “The hardest part is just preparing your body for a different sport.”

There is a difference in what type of shape you need to be in for specific sports. For a player transitioning from football to basketball, the style of play is completely different. One sport calls for much more physicality, where the other has a lot to do with endurance. This issue is one of the hardest things to prepare for, especially if a player is coming off of a long, grueling football season.

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After a season’s worth of dominant performances, and a cakewalk through the first two rounds of postseason play, Maryville football will take on Savannah in the Class 3 District 8 Championship Nov. 9.

The Spoofhounds (10-1) dismissed Chillicothe 38-7 Nov. 2 in the second round of districts, living to fight another week. Now, Maryville will host the Savages at the ‘Hound Pound, renewing the Highway-71 rivalry game for an encore performance.

Both teams have forged a unique path to the district title game, yet the parallels between each path are present. Like Maryville, Savannah (8-3) moved past a conference opponent with ease in the second round, beating St. Pius X 50-10.

Each team enters the district championship matchup on the heels of an impressive win. Coach Matt Webb was pleased with the Spoofhounds’ performance against the Hornets, a game they won despite playing without the help of three key players in senior running back Eli Dowis, sophomore quarterback Ben Walker and sophomore half-back Connor Weiss.

“We continued to step up as a team,” Webb said. “I was pleased with the way our kids executed. We had a lot of guys stepping up, whether it’s (junior) Tyler Haer at quarterback, obviously (junior) Tate Oglesby had a great night. Those things don’t happen without some great line play up front. I just think we’re playing really good as a team right now.”

Both Maryville and Savannah stumbled early in the season, with losses to out-of-conference opponents. The Savages started the season with consecutive losses to Grain Valley and Pleasant Hill, while the Spoofhounds suffered a season-opening loss to Blair Oaks.

From there, each team steadied. Maryville has ripped off 10-straight wins since its Week 1 loss, while Savannah has won eight of its last

nine games, with the lone loss in that stretch coming by a score of 41-7 to the Spoofhounds Oct. 12.

“Well they’re an excellent football team,” Webb said. “I think you throw out the last time we played them...that game was played under very adverse field conditions. With the rain and the standing water on the field, it really limited what that game could have been as far as execution and stuff for both teams, so you kind of throw that game out.”

Maryville’s offense enters the game averaging just over 45 points per game, though a technical 2-0 victory over Northeast Kansas City Oct. 26 due to forfeiture lowers this average by decent margin. Defensively, the Spoofhounds have allowed 7.64 points per contest.

Savannah’s offensive numbers closely mirror those of Maryville.



Senior Korbin Koch rushed for a 43-yard touchdown early on in Maryville’s 38-7 victory over Chillicothe Nov. 2.

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Savannah
7 p.m. Nov. 9
Maryville

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Senior defensive end Austin Eskew brings down Fort Hays quarterback Chance Fuller during Senior Day Nov. 3 at Bearcat Stadium. Eskew led the Bearcats with 10 tackles including two tackles-for-loss.

MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Division II needs to get the right call

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As a somber tone fell over Bearcat Stadium Nov. 3, the final whistle blew and as any post-game tradition goes, Northwest met Fort Hays State at the 50-yard line for the last show of sportsmanship with all the ‘good games’ and handshakes.

Coach Rich Wright had a different motive on his mind, as the referees sprinted to their own respective locker room. Wright turned his attention to the running zebras and followed them with his own fiery speed walking pace. Before he got halfway there, he turned back in frustration to the post-game festivities.

Northwest fell on the tail end of bad calls as they lost a crucial matchup against the Tigers 17-16. The referees felt the pressure of the fans throughout the course of the day, but in the end, left the Bearcat fan base feeling betrayed and frustrated. We are all human and make mistakes as the referees were victimized by the flawed rules of NCAA Division II and its lack of a video replay system.

Video replays are becoming a norm for all sports as commissioners of leagues are understanding more and more that even referees make mistakes. These replays can be the difference between hanging your head low in disappointment for a week or celebrating another victory.

With a chance to have a replay system in Division II, the Bearcats might have been headed to Warrensburg as the unchallenged MIAA champions.

Two instances that define this concept and one more that could make a case for a future challenge rule happened at Bearcat Stadium Saturday. The first occurrence was in the first quarter when Fort Hays State scored a 25-yard touchdown on a borderline toe tap in the end zone, putting the Tigers up 14-0.

The second situation happened much later in the game, with about six minutes left to go in the third, sophomore defensive tackle Sam Roberts, the team leader for tackles for loss on the day, was ejected for targeting.

At that point, Fort Hays led the Bearcats 17-16, though the defense seemed strong without him, the constant backfield pressure softened and the Tigers forced more time off the clock.

This last scenario was one of the main reasons Northwest did not even get the chance to compete in the last minute of the game, and that was the roughing the kicker penalty. This may not be reviewable in all forms of the replay system, but it should be a point of emphasis in a rule change because in a clear replay it shows Northwest’s outside edge getting blocked back into the kicker. This play was so controversial that it forced the Commissioner of the Officials to call Wright and tell him that they were wrong on the call.

All three of these game-defining situations could have been prevented with the use of an instant replay system.

This system could be set up easily with the help of the student media at each university or even the MIAA setting the system up.

They have used replays before in Division II, in fact, each semifinal has the opportunity to use such technology. It’s a system that should be allowed to be used in each regular system game as well as playoff caliber games because in an 11 game season, each game is bigger than the last.

This system could play a great part in making Division II football better as a whole and functioning as a league built on getting everything right on the field.

Learning curve

Football seeks growth at UCM

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A lot is at stake for Northwest football Nov. 10 when they take on Central Missouri at Audrey J. Walton Stadium.



In order to guarantee a piece of the MIAA title, the Bearcats must win. A chance for a spot in the NCAA Division II playoffs is also on the line. In some ways, Northwest faces an uphill climb.

The No. 19 Bearcats (8-2) will have to bounce back from a 17-16 loss to No. 22 Fort Hays (8-2) Nov. 3. With a win against the Tigers, Northwest would have secured a share of the MIAA title, but now they have the same task set before them against the Mules (5-5).

A major issue for Northwest against Fort Hays was the offensive side of the ball, particularly in the first half. The Bearcats had a total of 31 yards of offense at half-time and just one first down. Coach Rich Wright pointed out there was

one bright spot out of the first half. “We just flat out did not play well, offensively in particular for the first 30 minutes, and there is no way to sugar coat that,” Rich Wright said. “For as poorly as we played in the first half, it was 14-10 at half, and I felt like we came out and played better in the second half.”

While the ball game was close throughout the second half, one aspect that did not change was the effectiveness of the offense. Northwest managed a season-low 178 yards of offense and freshman quarterback Braden Wright scored only one touchdown for the first time all season.

Braden Wright struggled to find a rhythm after an early interception made it three straight games throwing a pick. Rich Wright said he does not believe the turnover will have any lingering effects on the young quarterback.

“I don’t think that it consciously rattled him. I just look back to how he played, and it just seemed like he was a little bit tentative,”

NEXT GAME

Northwest @ Central Missouri
1 p.m. Nov. 10
Warrensburg

Rich Wright said. “You are never going to be right in sports if you are tentative and it is part of learning and developing as a quarterback and as a younger quarterback.”

The chance to show that Braden Wright has put the turnover behind him will come against a Central Missouri defense that is allowing 386.6 total offensive yards per game this season. The Mules have had difficulties defensively allowing 26.4 points per game and have given up more than 25 points in six of 10 games this year.

While the Mule defense has been up and down this year, the offense has been a one of the top in the MIAA.

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Young Bearcats start season hot

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Northwest men’s basketball began its first weekend of play Nov. 3-4, carrying with it a multitude of unknowns.



The No. 5 Bearcats (2-0) featured a starting lineup with just one returning starter from last season in senior forward Joey Witthus. Junior Ryan Welty is the only Bearcat on the roster that checked into the 2017 NCAA Division II National Championship game.

Expectations for Northwest’s weekend at the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic ranged from hopeful to timid. The Bearcats were forced to face off against Northern State and Ferris State, the two teams who competed for a national title last March.

The young Bearcats triumphed in each matchup, beating Northern State in overtime 72-70 Nov. 3, and cruising past No. 13 Ferris State 100-86 Nov. 4 at the St. Joseph Civic Arena. Northwest entered the Classic seeking growth and development, and left with a perfect 2-0 record.

“It was nice to get wins,” coach Ben McCollum said. “When I talked last week, and we talked about how we’re a major work in progress and we’ll see where we are in a couple months, that still holds true.”

The pair of season-opening victories was not necessarily the goal for Northwest, just a byproduct of the process.

“We’re still trying to win games, but with the understanding that we’re more concerned with the process of getting better,” McCollum said. “I’m just as happy as I



Senior forward Joey Witthus averaged 17 points and seven rebounds per game in Northwest’s showing at the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic Nov. 3-4 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

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would have been—I’m a little happier—but close to just as happy as I would’ve been had we competed and even lost one of those games.”

Redshirt freshman Trevor Hudgins played no small part in the Bearcats’ successful showing in St. Joseph. The guard averaged 25.5 points per game over the weekend, shooting 46.9 percent from the field and taking home the SCB Hall of Fame Classic MVP award for his performance.

“I just played with my guys,”

Hudgins said. “(I) played for them, just tried to execute the game plan that coach had, just tried to have fun (and) compete. I just played my game.”

Hudgins accredited much of his success to the play of his teammates. In the Ferris State matchup, Northwest started the game on fire, making each of its first 10 threes. Hudgins, a Manhattan, Kansas, native, iterated his concern lied more in the team’s success, rather than his own statistical production.

NEXT GAME

Northwest vs Upper Iowa
5:30 p.m. Nov. 9
St. Joseph

Northwest vs Winona State
5:30 p.m. Nov. 10
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